

Applicant: James Andrew Brennan
Application No.: 10/500,937

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 26 are currently pending in the application. Claims 7 - 12 and 26 were previously withdrawn from consideration.

Telephonic Interview

The Examiner is thanked for granting a telephonic interview with the Applicant's representative on January 18, 2007. During the interview the species election requirement was discussed. It was also agreed upon that Figure 37 is substantially similar to Figure 33 for examination purposes.

Restriction/Election

The Examiner has restricted the application into the following groups:

Group I Claims 1 - 6 and 13 - 25 drawn to a formwork assembly with side form support member and side form member;

Group II Claims 7 - 12 drawn to a surface to member securing device; and

Group III Claim 26 drawn to a method of assembling a formwork.

In the Response filed November 20, 2006, Applicant elected to prosecute Group I, claims 1 – 6 and 13 - 25.

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The Examiner also further required that a single Species from each of the following categories be elected for restriction should no generic claim is finally held to be allowable:

Group I (as to the surface to member securing device): Fig. 8; Fig. 10; Fig. 11; Fig. 27; Fig. 33; Fig. 40.

Group II (as to linking device): Fig. 22a; Fig. 24a/24b; Fig. 25;

Group III (as to intersecuring device): Fig. 17/18a; Fig. 18b; Fig. 19;

Group IV (as to shaping inserts): Fig. 3b1 - Fig. 3b7.

Applicant elects the following species from each group:

Group I (as to the surface to member securing device): Applicant elects Fig. 33 (although it should be noted that Fig. 37 was considered by the Examiner to be sufficiently similar to Fig. 33 and would also be considered)

Group II (as to linking device): Applicant elects Fig. 25;

Group III (as to intersecuring device): Applicant elects Fig. 17/18a;

Group IV (as to shaping inserts): Applicant elects Fig. 3b1.

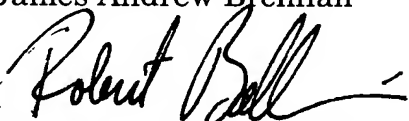
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Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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